Boston May 15. 1856

Dr Robinson Dear Sir

This morning I been to look over the town records of Dorchester and there I found what you desired to know that is the birth of Samuel Robinson 2nd, it says "Samuel the son of Samuel Robinson was born the 13th of the (4 mo) 1666" not satisfied with the copy taken by the town clerk I looked at the original and found it as above

Samuel the son of James Robinson was born the 14th of Sept. 1670
Mary dau. of Samuel was born 11(6) 1668
James son of James born 8(9) 1665
Thomas son of James born April 15, 1668
Mary dau of James born 17 March 1673
John son of James born April 17. ,75

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E. Clapp Jr
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Ebenr. son of James born July 5. 1682

You will perceive that the birth of Rev. John is not recorded but is made sure by his mentioning the death of his brother Samuel perhaps he was born in one of the neighboring towns, sometimes the Mothers went to their fathers house to be confined.

It is one of the most singular cases that I have met with, and very annoying that James and Samuel had so many children of the same names that is they each had a Samuel, each a John each a Mary and I believe each a Thomas Dr Harris says Samuel had a son Thomas and they were all near of an age. When you come on I hope you will have an opportunity to go to the town clerks

Truly Yours
Eben Clapp Jr